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For System and Method for Transmission of Digital Information OF VARYING SAMPLE RATES OVER A

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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on July 19, 2001. To date, the Applicant has not received a first Office Action in this application. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office advise the undersigned attorney of the status of this patent application.

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